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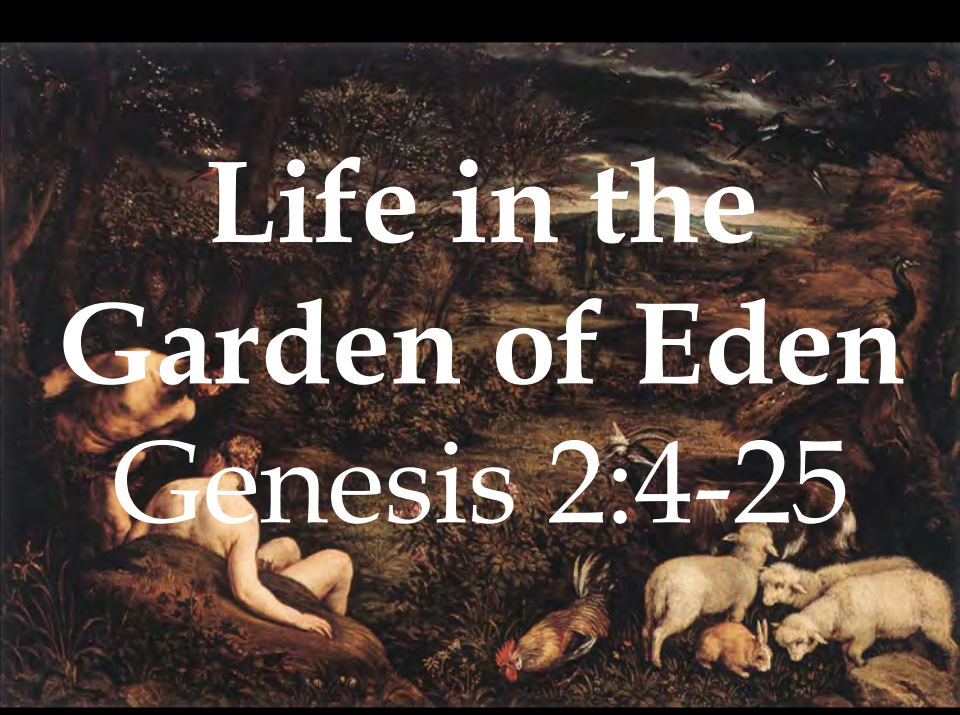
*The Book of Beginnings*





## Genesis 1:1

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God  
created the heavens and the  
earth.

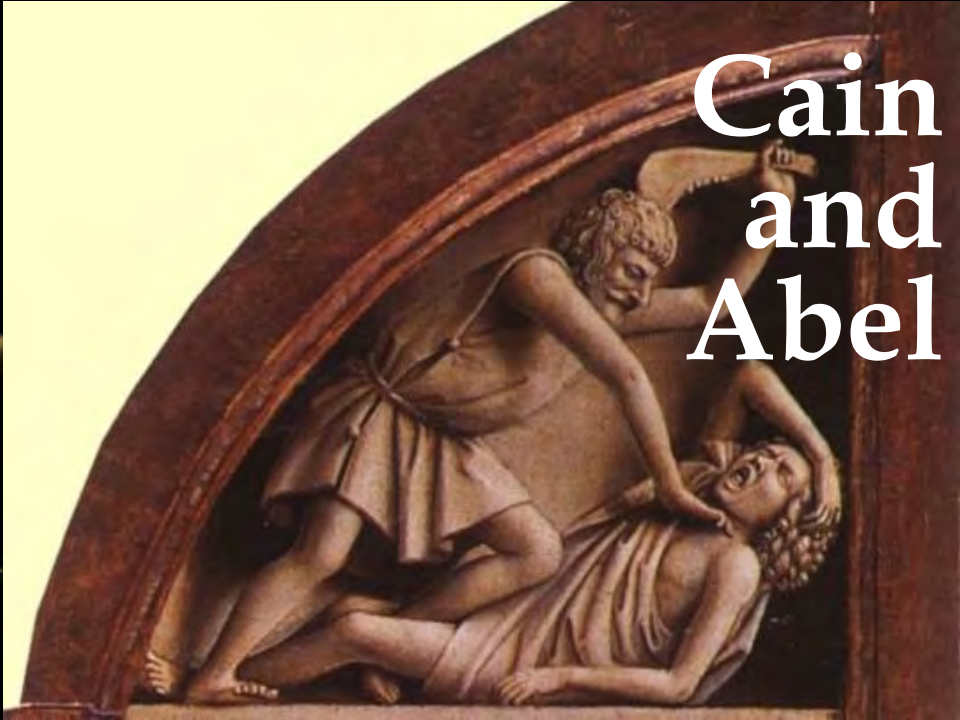


## Life in the Garden of Eden Genesis 2:4-25



## The Fall of Mankind:

*It's no longer the way it is  
supposed to be*  
Genesis 3



## Cain and Abel





The Flood:  
The God who  
will not be  
mocked



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The Tower of Babel



Our first rock  
star of faith ~  
ABRAHAM!





*Merry Christmas*

# The Story of Hagar and Ishmael

## Introduction of Main Characters & Plot

### Genesis 16:1-16

1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children.  
She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was  
Hagar.

# The Story of Hagar and Ishmael

**Rising Action: Sarai's proposed solution**

**Genesis 16:1-16**

2 And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her."





# God's covenant with Abram

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## #2 - The Promise of Descendants

Genesis 15:2-6

<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”



# God's covenant with Abram

## #2 - The Promise of Descendants

### Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>4</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

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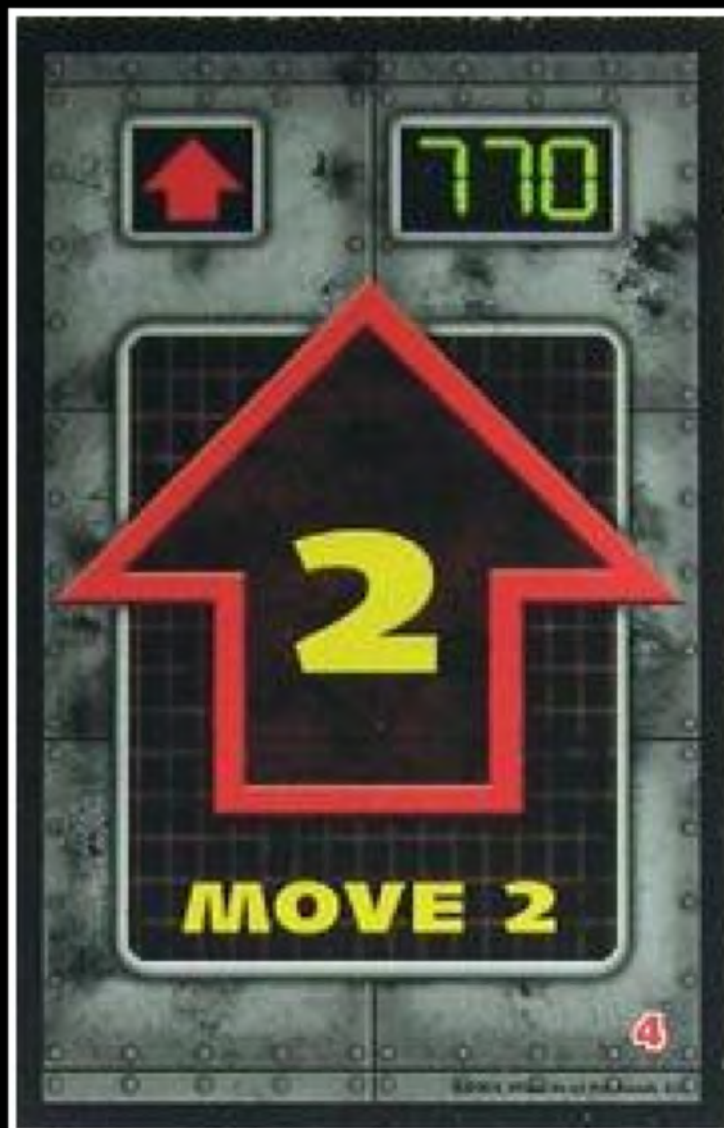
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<sup>6</sup>Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.





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**Rising Action: Abram, Sarai, & Hagar**

**Genesis 16:1-16**

And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. 3 So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife.

# The Story of Hagar and Ishmael

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**Genesis 16:1-16**

4 And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress.



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5 And Sarai said to Abram, “May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!”

# The Story of Hagar and Ishmael

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**Genesis 16:1-16**

6 But Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please.”

Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.





# The Story of Hagar and Ishmael

**Climax: The Lord sees!**

**Genesis 16:1-16**

7 The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. 8 And he said, “Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?”

She said, “I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai.”

# The Story of Hagar and Ishmael

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**Genesis 16:1-16**

9 The angel of the Lord said to her, “Return to your mistress and submit to her.” 10 The angel of the Lord also said to her, “I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude.”

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**11** And the angel of the Lord said to her,

“Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has listened to your affliction.

**12** He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen.”



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**13** So she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.”

**14** Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered. **15** And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. **16** Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.



# Down one path

What next?

Genesis 17:15-21

15 And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” 17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?”



# Down one path

**The story continues - God's resolution *as promised!***

**Genesis 17:15-21**

**19** God said, "[Surely], but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him."

# Down the other path

What next? Abe's solution

Genesis 17:15-21

18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!"

# Down the other path

**God's resolution for Ishmael**

**Genesis 17:15-21**

20 "As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation.

# Down the other path

**God's resolution for Ishmael**

**Genesis 21:12-13**

9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. 10 So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac."

# Down the other path

**God's resolution for Ishmael**

**Genesis 21:12-13**

12 But God said to Abraham, "Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named. 13 And I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring."



# Down the other path

**God's resolution for Ishmael**

**Genesis 21:16-18**

16 And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. 17 And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. 18 Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation."



*Merry Christmas*

# *Themes that are further developed in the Bible*

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1 Corinthians 2:10-11

For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

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## Job 37:14, 16

14 “Hear this, O Job; stop and consider the wondrous works of God...16 Do you know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him who is perfect in knowledge...

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## Hebrews 4:13

13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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## Isaiah 46:9-10

9 I am God, and there is none like me,  
10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done...



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## Matthew 11:23

23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

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Oh, the depth of the riches of the  
wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable his judgments,  
and his paths beyond tracing out!  
“Who has known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who has been his counselor?”  
“Who has ever given to God,  
that God should repay him?”  
For from him and through him  
and to him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever! Amen.  
Romans 11:33-36

# TWO COVENANTS



# Two covenants

## Galatians 4:21-31

**21** Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? **22** For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. **23** But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise.

# Two covenants

## Galatians 4:21-31

24 Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. 25 Now

Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.

26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband.”

# Two covenants

## Galatians 4:21-31

28 Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. 30 But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” 31 So, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

# Gospel Application

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Do you believe that God sees?

Are you trusting him  
according to what he has promised?